

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for funding. Applicants must:

- Be a community-based arts organization in BC that presents a series or season of live performing arts events featuring early career artists who are paid at professional rates, **OR** an arts & cultural festival that engages early career artists who are paid at standard industry rates;
- Be a registered not-for-profit society in BC;
- Have been presenting for a minimum of one year;
- Provide financial statements for the most recently concluded fiscal year;
- Apply for programming in the eligible period of June 1, 2025, to May 30, 2026;
- Compensate early career artists at standard industry rates with a guaranteed fee.
- Provide safe and respectful working conditions and foster a workplace free from discrimination, harassment and misconduct as per Worksafe BC's Guidelines.
- Where applicable, applicants must have completed and submitted final reports for any outstanding funding assistance;

Exclusions

The following applicants and activity are not eligible:

- Applicants who have received funding from the Community Presenters Assistance Program or the BC Arts Council for the same programming;
- Applicants based in or proposing activity in Vancouver or Victoria;
- Organizations whose primary purpose is to produce/present their own work;
- Projects primarily focused on creating or commissioning work;
- Arts & cultural festivals being produced for the first time;
- Businesses, i.e. for-profit, municipality-owned/operated OR university/schools;
- Programming presented outside of the eligible activity period;
- Cover or tribute bands;
- Splits of the door where no guaranteed professional fee is contracted;
- Early career artists appearing in a series for more than two consecutive years;
- Performances where staff from the applicant organization are being paid to perform;
- Presentations that are part of conferences, fundraising events, family or religious celebrations.

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